

Parent & Student Weekly Email

Nitschmann Middle School Weekly Update

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Sunday, May 29, 2022, to Sunday, June 5, 2022

[Download the BASD App and select "Nitschmann" to receive all alerts to your phone.](#)

- **8th Grade Parents!** We need your help to make our 8th Grade Dance a huge success. Please click the link for donations for the evening's activities. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A4FAFAE23A3FF2-2022_8th
- **8th Grade Dance Information at** <https://basdwpweb.beth.k12.pa.us/nitschmann/2022/05/23/8th-grade-dance-information/>
- **8th grade End of Year Activities Information at** <https://basdwpweb.beth.k12.pa.us/nitschmann/2022/05/23/8th-grade-end-of-the-year-events-information/>
- **LEAD MRA Survey for Parents/Guardians:** Dear Parents & Guardians, Each year, we collect feedback our school to assist with planning and reflection for our new school year. This year, we are looking for feedback through our LEAD MRA Survey, at the attached link. Please take a moment and provide your feedback so we can improve our school! <https://www.leaderinme.com/s/nitschmann-middle-pa/families>
- **BASD Loaner Chromebooks** - All loaner Chromebooks will be collected on Monday, June 6, 2022. Students will keep their assigned Chromebooks for the summer.
- **Additional At Home Covid Tests** You can order up to 8 additional tests FREE directly from the US Post Office! [US Postal Service's Covid-19 page](#)
- **Fall Sports Physical Information**
 - Thursday, June 2nd @ Freedom High School Main Gym (5:00pm-8:00pm)
 - Tuesday, June 7th @ LHS Auxiliary Gym (5:00pm-8:00pm)
 - Cost: FREE
 - **Register Here:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944AAA9FA7FA7-basd2>

*****Links to Review** *****

[BASD Parent Portals Link \(Schoology, Home Access Center, SchoolCafe, etc.\)](#)

[BASD 2021-2022 Calendar](#)

[BASD 2022-2022 Calendar \(Next School Year\)](#)

*****Weekly Schedule & Highlights @ [BASD NMS Event Calendar](#)*******

[2022 PSSA Testing Dates & Information at this link!](#)

Day	Date	Cycle Day	Notes
Monday	5/30		No School Memorial Day
Tuesday	5/31	3	
Wednesday	6/1	4	Winter & Spring Pep Rally 8th Grade Academic Awards Assembly 5:30pm
Thursday	6/2	5	8th Grade Track Meet @ LHS Performing Arts Banquet
Friday	6/3	6	8th Grade Dance 6:30pm-9:00pm Cafeteria

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Monday	6/6	1	BASD Loaner Chromebook Collection
Tuesday	6/7	2	8th Grade Trip to HersheyPark (Return @6:30pm)
Wednesday	6/8	X	Last Day of School 11:30am Dismissal for All Students 8th Grade Awards Assembly for Students 8:30am
Thursday	6/9	X	School Closed for Students - Summer Vacation Teacher Record Day
Friday	6/10	X	

School-wide Announcements **

BASD eNews from Dr. Roy - This week's BASD eNews contains:

Some upcoming events included in this week's edition include,

- June 1 - Taking Pride in our Youth: A Panel on Services for LGBTQ+ in Bethlehem and Beyond presented by the City of Bethlehem
- June 5 - Liberty Celebrates their 100th with a Dedication Ceremony

FREE Stuff,

FREE Rowing Class from the YWCA

BASD is offering FREE Preschool Programs

Planet Fitness is offering FREE Membership to students ages 14-19 all summer

This week our highlighted student is from FOUNTAIN HILL ES, our highlighted staff member is from GOVERNOR WOLF ES, and our graduate is from FREEDOM HS Class of 1986.

I hope you enjoy this week's edition of the [BASD eNews from Dr. Roy](#).

The Lion's Den School Store (Roufakis & Evancho) - The school store is selling **100th Birthday shirts** to celebrate Nitschmann's birthday. They are \$10. Be sure to get yours and your child's to wear to all of this year's special events. Help us celebrate 100 years of Lion's pride!

Lion Service Club: The Lions Club at Nitschmann Middle School is looking for donations for Road Trip Rescues. Road trip Rescues is a dog rescue that takes in all different kinds of dogs from various places. We are hoping that our Nitschmann community can come together and help us donate some of the following items.

- Dog treats
- Blankets
- Laundry detergent
- Leashes
- Dog food
- Dog toys
- Paper towels
- Brushes
- Sponges or mop
- Dog bow



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- And newspapers!!!! They are in desperate need of newspaper

If you donate just 1 item you can change a dog's life. We hope that everyone will bring in something to help the dogs and the rescue that takes care of them. We have boxes located on every floor's common area. Friday is our last day to collect anything! If you have any questions ask and Lion Service Club member or Mrs. McLaughlin.

2022 End of Year Schedule for 8th Grade Students

8th Grade Academic Awards Assembly

Celebration for Lamp of Learning & Presidential Award Honorees

Wednesday, June 1 at 5:30pm

Nitschmann Auditorium

BASD 8th Grade Track Meet

Interscholastic competition between the 4 BASD Middle Schools

Thursday, June 2 during the school day

Liberty High School

8th Grade Dance

Semi-Formal Dance for 8th Grade Nitschmann Students

Tickets will be sold by NMS Leadership Council during May, 2022.

Students MUST attend full day of school on Friday, June 3 to attend dance

Friday, June 3 from 6:30pm-9:00pm

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8th Grade Field Trip to Hershey Park

Full Day Field Trip for students who have registered.

All others will attend school as normal.

Tuesday, June 7

Busses depart & return to Nitschmann Middle School

8th Grade Assembly for Students

Distribution of Teacher Awards & Activities, will be live-streamed for parents/guardians

Wednesday, June 8 During the School Day

Nitschmann Middle School

*****Student Services Updates *******

Contact Members of the Student Services Team by email; [Mrs. Scott, SSC Guidance Secretary](#); [Mr. Kelher, 6th Grade Counselor](#); [Mrs. Hipp, 7th Grade Counselor](#); [Mrs. Stewart, 8th Grade Counselor](#); [Officer DeFrank, SRO](#); [Dr. Sierra, Dean of Students](#).

Parents can email excuse notes to [Nitschmann Middle School Attendance](#).

Arrival at school We have seen a recent increase in students arriving late to school. The first bell rings at **8:05**. Students are to be **in their homerooms by 8:13**. Students who are late will receive detention for being tardy to school. Students can come into school at 7:45 to eat breakfast at no cost to students.

Early Dismissal Notes- If your child has an appointment and is leaving school early, please send a note with your child in the morning or call to have your child waiting in the office for you.

Please remind your child to follow the Framework for Citizenship.

They are reminded not to touch anyone or their belongings.

Phones are to be kept off and away unless they are given permission to use them. If they are seen or heard, they will be confiscated. **Parents are to pick up confiscated phones.**

Ear pods, earphones, listening devices are to be away unless they have permission to be used.

6th Grade: [Mr. Kehler's Counseling Google Site for Students](#) Donate: [Library Equity](#), [A Quiet Place](#), [Hanging around](#)

7th Grade: [Mrs. Hipp's Counseling Google Site for Students](#)

8th Grade: [Ms. Stewart's Counseling Google Site for Students](#)

Tutoring Opportunity through Bethlehem Area Public Library

*****Core & Encore Team Updates *******

Team Lafayette (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLafayette](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Hackman](#)) **Congratulations to our Pride of the Lions recipients: Mason Hawk and Laila Torres!** We are planning a trip to the Monocacy on Friday, please sign your child's permission slip so they can attend.

Team Lehigh (6th) (Twitter [@NMSLTeamLehigh](#)/ Facebook [@NitschmannTeamLehigh](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Oliver](#)) **Congratulations to Elianni Benitez for receiving an Honorable Mention in the ADL's 2022 No Place for Hate Essay Contest, Way to go Elianni !!** Less than two weeks to go. Are grades where you want them to be? Check Schoology!! Look for missing assignments and/or assignments that can be re-done or remediated. Keep those grades in good standing down the home stretch. We do have several fun events planned. You must have your grades in good standing and good behavior in order to participate. Let's Finish Strong.

Team Moravian (6th) - (Twitter [@NMSTeamMoravian](#)/Facebook [@NMSTeamMoravian](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Roufakis](#)) [See our welcome letter on the NMS Website!](#).

Team Kutztown (7th)(Twitter [@TeamKutztown](#)) **Social Studies-** We will be finishing our unit on East Asia, and starting our new unit on Southeast Asia later in the week. ELA-Gómez-students will be taking a comprehension quiz on the poem, "Casey at the Bat" and "The Zodiacs" on Tuesday. **English** -(Falteich) Students should have submitted their Proverb Narrative Project last week. This week we will continue our final unit - POETRY - Students have selected a poem to memorize and recite. They must also apply 10 or more poetic/literary terms to their chosen poem. We will be reviewing approximately 40 poetic devices in class this week. **Science (Mr. Pearson)** - This week students will be finishing the unit on cellular respiration and photosynthesis. This will include an online lab where students will investigate how different factors such as temperature, light intensity, and the color of the light affect the rate of photosynthesis.

Team Penn State (7th) (Twitter [@NMSPennState](#)/Facebook [@NMSTeamPennState](#)/ Instagram [pennstatenms](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Getz](#)) **End of the Year Ice Cream Trip** - students with positive behavior/grades will attend an ice cream trip during the last week of school to celebrate a successful year. **Science** - This week students will be investigating osmosis

and learning about different types of cell transport. Our last assessment for the year will be on Friday. **Social Studies-** We will be finishing our unit on East Asia, and starting our new unit on Southeast Asia later in the week. **ELA (Getz)** - Students will wrap up assignments from last week, and work on an end of the year letter to themselves. Every student will need a Forever Stamp OR \$0.60 to purchase one from Mrs. Getz. An envelope will be provided.

Team DeSales (8th) (Team Leader [Mrs. Pogue](#)): Instagram [@NMSTeamDSU8](#)

Social Studies: We will be studying the Civil War until the end of year. **Science:** We will be checking out real world science and experiments as we finish out the year. **ELA:** We will be finishing *The Outsiders* this week! There will be a quiz on chapters 6-10 on Tuesday. Students will be creating character posters and real world connections. Outsiders day will happen next week! **Math:** Students are working on their Create-A-Vacation project that will be due this week.

Team Northampton (8th) (Twitter [@TeamSpartanNMS](#) Team Leader [Mrs. Hood](#)) [See our welcome letter on the NMS Website!](#) **Hood's History** - students should turn in their Civil War topic of choice topic digital exit slips on Sunday, May 29th by midnight. We will finish up this week focusing on the 15th Amendment and take a sample literary text from the early 1900's that were used in voting. **In Mrs. Wallach's ELA class**, we are finishing our teen inventors' presentations. We are starting to read *The Call of the Wild* which is located as a PDF in Schoology. We will be having a notebook quiz within the next week. **In Mrs. Hinkel's ELA class**, students are preparing to present their research based speeches. Completed speaking outlines for all students are due on Monday, May 16. We will spend this week practicing our speeches. Formal presentations are scheduled to start on Tuesday, May 24. Students know their presentation day.

Team Pitt: (Encore Health and PE, and All 30 day rotation classes) (Team Leader [Mrs. Long](#)) (Twitter [@NMSTeamPitt](#)) [See our welcome letter on the NMS Website!](#) **The 8th grade track meet is set for Thursday June 2nd.**
All classes will be in the gym with an occasional health assignment posted on schoology.

Team Bloomsburg (Encore World Language and Library) (Twitter [@NMSBloomsburg](#) / Team Leader [Dr. Sierra](#))- Make the last days count! Complete all your work.

*****Extracurricular Activities*******

Is your child interested in an after-school club or activity? Email the advisor for more information!

AM Basketball (Advisor Dr. Mayes) AM Basketball is completed for the season. .

Anime Club (Advisors [Ms. Fehr](#)/[Mrs. Wallach](#)) Thank you for another great year! See you next year!

Art Club (Advisor [Mrs. Lund](#)).

Artsmart @ Banana Factory ([Advisor Mrs. Lare](#)) No program this semester.

e-Sports - ([Mr. Kehler](#)) Not an official club yet! Over 80 students so far! Watch the Schoology Group for more updates!

Environmental Club ([Advisor Ms. Stewart](#) & [Mrs. Hoffman](#)) - Our next meeting will be on Monday, May 16th in room 017. See you there!

French Club - ([Advisor Mrs. Lare](#)) - French Club is filled.

German Club ([Advisor Mrs. Sofka](#))

Fitness Club ([Advisor Mrs. Oliver](#)) None at this time.

FCS/DIY Club ([Advisor Mrs. Hoffman](#)) None at this time.

Glee Club ([Advisor Mrs. de Vries](#)) ([@ldevriesmusic](#)) | [Twitter](#)

Intramurals ([Advisor Mr. Ortwein](#)) None at this time.

Lacrosse Intramurals: ([Advisor Ms. Weinert](#))

Leadership Council ([Advisor Mr. Kocon](#))

Lion Service Club ([Advisor Mrs. McLaughlin](#)) Lion Service Club will be after school the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month until 3:45. We will be working on activities such as organizing our 2nd Annual Blood Drive, The Clothing Closet, etc.

Lion's Pride (school newspaper) ([Advisor Mrs. Werkheiser](#)) Student journalists continue to generate questions and schedule interviews for our third edition. They have shown tremendous growth in the area of writing questions that encourage more than yes/no answers, and their enthusiasm for the newspaper is amazing!

Mathcounts ([Advisor Mrs. Lafey](#))

National Junior Honor Society (Advisors [Mrs. Wallach](#)/[Mrs. Druckenmiller](#)) (Twitter-[@Njhs_Nitschmann](#); Instagram-[@Njhs_Nistchmann](#)) Induction was wonderful! Thank you to all current and new members for your participation. We are wrapping up this year with one last service idea and then we will meet next year with our new members the first week of September. We look forward to another great year of service!

Nitschmann Dramatics ([Advisor Mrs. Hriniak](#)) Current optional spring opportunities: Touchstone's Young Playwrights Festival May 21, Nitschmann Night at Broughal's The Lion King May 26, Performing Arts Banquet June 2, Rose Garden June 18. See your email for more details!

Nitschmann Singers ([Advisor Mrs. de Vries](#)) ([@ldevriesmusic](#)) | [Twitter](#) Nitschmann Singers is now closed. Students interested in singing should contact Mrs. de Vries about joining Glee Club. Info for current members is at the bottom of this newsletter.

Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS) (Advisor TBA) None at this time.

Photography Club ([Advisor Ms. Krause](#))

Reading Olympics ([Advisor - Mrs. Nonnemacher](#))

Riding for Focus (Advisors [Mr. Miller](#), [Mr. Bellucci](#), and [Mrs. Getz](#)) Are you interested in joining mountain biking club? For the spring, the club will be open to 20 riders. You can get an application from Mr. Miller in room 115 or Mrs. Getz in room 214. All applications are due back by Friday, the 18th.

The Lion's Den School Store (Advisors [Ms. Roufakis](#) & [Mrs. Evancha](#)) If you are interested in working at the school store, please fill in this application <https://forms.gle/47drkO2612wpD6CE8> We will be opening the store soon.

****Ski & Snowboard Club** ([Advisors Mr. Downey and Mrs. Druckenmiller](#))

Student Lighthouse ([Advisors Mr. Kocon / Mrs. McLaughlin / Mrs Markovic](#))-.

Step Team ([Advisor Dra. Sierra](#)) - Practice Tuesday for pep rally.

Strategy Club ([Advisor Mr. Kehler](#)) Last day for Strategy Club will be May 25, 2022 . We will continue the Monday, Wednesday meetings through then.

Yearbook (Advisor Mrs. Markovic & Mrs. Gomez)- Yearbooks will now be sold for **\$36**, please see information and order form at bottom of page (end of email) *****Yearbook Help- If you have pictures of sports games or activities please**

email them to Mrs. Markovic (lmarkovic@basdschools.org). We are especially in need of football and volleyball pictures.***

Lions/Lady Lions Athletics Updates (Twitter [@NMS_Athletics](https://twitter.com/NMS_Athletics))**

Year-long

Cheerleading (Head Coach Mrs. Long kllong@basdschools.org)

Any 6th or 7th grader interested in trying out for the 22-23 NMS cheerleading squad should attend a meeting on Tuesday May 24, after school in room 012. If you cannot attend the meeting, see Mrs. Long for details about tryouts.

Fall

Boys Football (Head Coach Mr. Shemanski mshemanski@basdschools.org;

(Asst. Coach Mr. Villani, mvillani@basdschools.org)

Co-Ed Cross Country (Head Coach Miss Schwartz lschwartz@basdschools.org)

Girls Volleyball (Head Coach Mrs. Hinkel ahinkel@basdschools.org)

Girls Field Hockey (Mr. Burzynski bburzynski@basdschools.org)

Winter

Boys MS Basketball (Head Coach Mr. Wills)

Girls MS Basketball (Head Coach Mr. Ortwein jortwein@basdschools.org)

Boys & Girls LHS HS Wrestling (Head Coach Mr. Hall)

Spring

Girls MS Softball (Head Coach Mr. Kocon ekocon@basdschools.org)

Co-Ed MS Soccer (Head Coach Mr. Rodenbach srodenbach@basdschools.org)

Middle School Soccer Clinics - **FREE** - hosted by the LHS Boys' and Girls' Soccer programs

SATURDAY, MAY 14TH

Any 6th, 7th or 8th grader interested, please sign up using the link provided:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdWT-uYv_6IGCHteo01A7TIF-CjEkV_ssuXUdmuprAO253l8Q/viewform

Please contact Head Coach Rodenbach if you have any questions.

srodenbach@basdschools.org

Nitschmann Middle School Performing Arts Department Updates**

[Nitschmann Middle School Instrumental Music Website \(Click Here!\)](#)

Mr. Daniel Zettlemoyer, Instrumental Music

Follow us on Twitter at [@NMSBandorch](https://twitter.com/NMSBandorch) and [@NIMASParents](https://twitter.com/NIMASParents), online at www.nmsim.org, and on

Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/nitschmanninstrumentalmusicassociation

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MONDAY, MAY 30

NO SCHOOL

TUESDAY, MAY 31 - Day 3

Early morning orchestra open rehearsal with 5th grade students - 7:15 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, June 1 - Day 4

NO EARLY MORNING REHEARSAL

Pep rally 1:30 p.m. for band students - Students are to wear their blue ID shirts.

NIMAS General membership meeting 7:30 p.m. in the instrumental music room.

THURSDAY, June 2 - Day 5

Early morning band open rehearsal with 5th grade students - 7:15 a.m.

FRIDAY, June - Day 6

NO EARLY MORNING REHEARSAL

Music in the Parks festival - Student leadership council students

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 2: Performing arts Banquet 6-8 pm

6 p.m. Picnic dinner served in the cafeteria

7 p.m. Awards and recognition ceremony in the auditorium

August 8 - 12: Summer Music Camp for band and orchestra

- Orchestra students 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. (violin, viola, cello, bass, piano)

- Band students 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (color guard, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone, sousaphone, percussion)

August 15 - 19: Summer Music Camp for band and orchestra

- Orchestra students 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. (violin, viola, cello, bass, piano)

- Band students 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (color guard, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone, sousaphone, percussion)

COLOR GUARD INFORMATION

Early morning rehearsals continue on:

Thursday, June 2

NIMAS INFORMATION

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON JUNE 1 AT 7:30 P.M.

- Meet the new NIMAS board members
- ALL incoming band and orchestra 5th grade parents are encouraged to attend.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS:

Parents, we are in need of volunteers for upcoming events in February - May. **YOU MUST HAVE YOUR BACKGROUND CHECKS** on file in the Nitschmann office in order to volunteer. Click on the following link for

information on what clearances you need and how to apply for them.

<https://www.basdschools.org/volunteering>.

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

Gertrude Hawk Candy Fundraiser - Click for details (OFFERED ALL YEAR)

Grocery store gift cards - GIANT, WEIS, SHOPRITE - Click for details (OFFERED ALL YEAR)

Gift cards are sold in \$100 increments. \$4 of every \$100 purchased goes to your child's fair share account.

Contact Jennifer Roan at 610-509-9776 or jenroan15@gmail.com



Wawa Shorti Hoagie Coupons - Click for details (OFFERED ALL YEAR)

\$4 for each coupon

\$1 of each coupon goes to your child's fair share account.

Contact Jennifer Roan at 610-509-9776 or jenroan15@gmail.com

AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM

The Nitschmann Instrumental Music Association is now part of the Amazon Smile program.

Now you can shop at Amazon, get great deals and support the Nitschmann Instrumental Music Association all at the same time. Please share this with your friends and family.

You shop. Amazon gives.

- Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.
- AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service.
- Support your charitable organization by starting your shopping at smile.amazon.com
- Questions? [Learn more about AmazonSmile](#)

Directions on how to sign up can be found at <http://www.nmsim.org/nimas/fundraising/>

Nitschmann Choral Music [Mrs. de Vries](#), **Glee Club & Nitschmann Singers director** ([@ldevriesmusic](#)) | [Twitter](#)

Do you or someone you know love to sing? Would you like to learn how to become a better singer to participate in things like Nitschmann dramatics? Would you like to make new friends? Then join the Nitschmann Glee Club! [Click here](#) to see our **choral groups in action!** Glee Club rehearses every Tues., Wed. and Thurs. at 7:15 AM in room 141. Instrumental students are excused to attend their rehearsals. Nitschmann Singers is our smaller, auditioned ensemble that sings more challenging repertoire. They have their own rehearsals every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00-4:00 PM. All Nitschmann Singers and Glee Club members rehearse during day one activity period.

WEEKLY CHORAL SCHEDULE and UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, May 17: 8th grade music and drama trip to *Hairspray*

Friday, May 20: Music Department trip to PPL Center for *Star Wars: A New Hope* in concert with the Allentown Symphony Orchestra. ([Click for details](#))

Wednesday, May 25

7:00pm Nitschmann Choral, Jazz, Orchestra concert (Nitschmann Singers & Glee Club)

Saturday, May 28: Singers performance at Hotel Bethlehem

Thursday, June 2 Nitschmann Performing Arts Banquet